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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, May 24, 2005

**SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE IN TUCSON WEDNESDAY, MAY 25:**  
**--WILL RECOGNIZE "A PLUS" SCHOOL**  
**--AWARD ENGLISH IMMERSION "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"**

TUCSON (Tuesday, May 24, 2005) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne will announce first-time recipient of the Structured English Immersion (SEI) "Teacher of the Year" at the third annual SEI conference at the Starr Pass Resort in Tucson on Wednesday, May 25. Earlier in the day, the Superintendent will recognize Mesquite Elementary school for their recent "A Plus" award and for being an Excelling school under Arizona's accountability system.

The SEI "Teacher of the Year" was selected by an independent, five-member panel with over 50 candidates from around the state. The candidates had to submit a detailed work and academic history with English Language Learners, along with school and district references.

The SEI "Teacher of the Year" will be presented with \$1,500 check from the Arizona Beverage Association and will also be recognized by Dr. Maria Ferrier-Hernandez, the former Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Education office of English Language Acquisition.

<b>EVENTS:</b>	<b>SUP. TOM HORNE TO RECOGNIZE MESQUITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR "A PLUS" AWARD</b>
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>12:00 P.M.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>9455 EAST RITA ROAD, TUCSON, 85747</b>
<b>WHO:</b>	<b>SUP. TOM HORNE TO ANNOUNCE SEI "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>5:00 P.M.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>STARR PASS RESORT</b>

**3800 WEST STARR PASS BOULEVARD TUCSON, 85745**

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